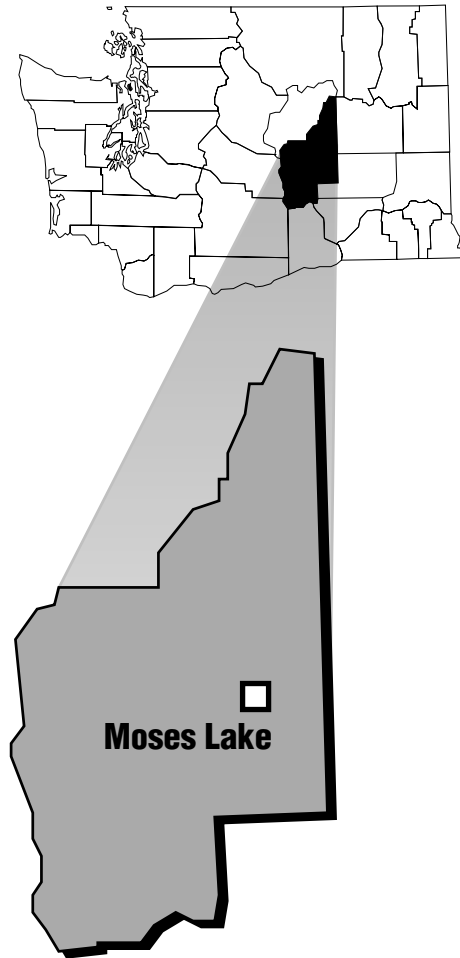


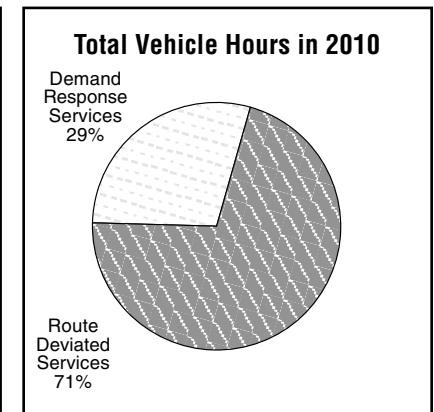
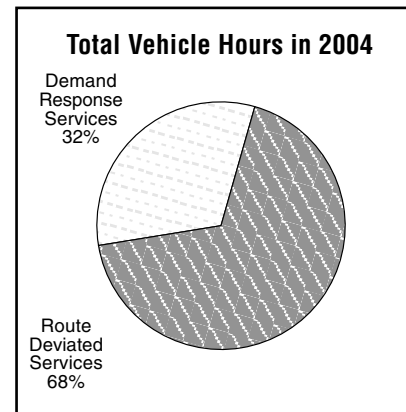
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System Snapshot

- Operating Name: Grant Transit Authority (GTA)
- Service Area: Countywide, Grant County
- Congressional District: 4
- Legislative Districts: 12 and 13
- Type of Government: Public Transportation Benefit Area
- Governing Body: Nine-member board of directors comprised of one county commissioner; one councilmember each from Moses Lake, Ephrata, Warden, Soap Lake, and Coulee City; a councilmember representing Electric City and Grand Coulee; a councilmember representing George, Mattawa, Royal City, and Quincy; and a councilmember representing Marlin, Hartline, and Wilson Creek.
- Tax Authorized: 0.2 percent sales and use tax approved in November 1996.
- Types of Service: 16 deviated routes, Paratransit service for persons with disabilities who cannot use deviated route service, and special needs transportation for those who qualify under the state grant criteria.



- Days of Service: Weekdays, generally between 6:20 a.m. and 9:10 p.m.
- Base Fare: 50 cents per boarding, deviated routes; 25 cents per ride, Paratransit.

Current Operations

GTA operates deviated routes, Monday through Friday, as follows:

- Nine rural intercity routes.
- Soap Lake to Wilson Creek.
- Ephrata to George, Desert Aire, Quincy, and Mattawa.
- Moses Lake to Ephrata/Soap Lake, Warden, Royal City, and George.
- Four rural local routes (Moses Lake).
- Two rural commuter routes (Moses Lake).

GTA operates one deviated route between Soap Lake and Coulee Dam Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

GTA provides Paratransit services to persons with disabilities and provides demand response services to those identified as special needs qualified.



Revenue Service Vehicles

Route Deviated – 17 total, all ADA accessible, age ranging from 1994 to 2001.

Paratransit – Five total, three provided by contractor, all wheelchair accessible, age ranging from 1985 to 1993.

Facilities

GTA rents administrative offices on Basin Street in Ephrata. GTA has no other facilities. The contractor has a maintenance and operations facility on Broadway Avenue in Moses Lake.





Intermodal Connections

GTA serves the Ephrata Intermodal Center, with connections to Greyhound Lines, Amtrak, and the Grant County International Airport, Greyhound Lines' and Trailways' stops in Moses Lake, and Trailways' stops in George.

GTA provides service to most of the public elementary, middle, and high schools and state parks in its service area, as well as Big Bend Community College.

2004 Achievements

- Purchased two new Gillig buses.
- Received Federal 5309 Grant to start the process of designing and purchasing land for an operations facility.

2005 Objectives

- Implement expanded service in Moses Lake.
- Implement express routes to the Warden production facilities.
- Complete the planning for an operations facility and purchase a building site.
- Purchase two vans and start a vanpool program.
- Purchase cameras for the fixed route buses.

Long-range (2006 through 2010) Plans

- Build an operation and maintenance center.
- Identify successes of the 2004-2005 vanpool program and implement new programs.
- Continue to replace the aging Bluebird fleet with longer-use buses.
- Grow the Paratransit fleet to at least five buses.



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	2002	2003	2004	% Change	2005	2006	2007	2010
Annual Operating Information								
Service Area Population	76,395	77,100	78,300	1.56%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Route Deviated Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	20,956	23,128	22,492	-2.75%	23,000	24,000	26,000	30,000
Total Vehicle Hours	23,477	24,278	23,167	-4.58%	25,000	26,000	28,000	30,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	542,783	553,675	550,532	-0.57%	565,000	565,000	580,000	585,000
Total Vehicle Miles	600,162	601,506	567,048	-5.73%	575,000	575,000	595,000	60,000
Passenger Trips	100,355	104,186	100,636	-3.41%	105,000	107,000	110,000	115,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	64,051	67,309	63,005	-6.39%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	6	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	24.0	24.0	24.0	0.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$1,458,330	\$1,639,552	\$1,402,248	-14.47%	\$1,445,000	\$1,488,000	\$1,532,000	\$1,650,000
Farebox Revenues	\$34,275	\$40,983	\$41,452	1.14%	\$42,800	\$43,700	\$44,700	\$40,500
Demand Response Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	2,851	5,655	10,777	90.57%	10,000	10,000	11,000	11,000
Total Vehicle Hours	2,851	5,806	11,100	91.18%	11,000	11,000	1,000	12,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	33,411	92,601	192,091	107.44%	193,000	193,000	196,000	197,000
Total Vehicle Miles	33,411	93,234	197,723	112.07%	198,000	199,000	201,000	203,000
Passenger Trips	3,919	9,653	17,207	78.26%	18,000	18,000	18,000	23,000
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	3,930	4,130	16,003	287.48%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	5	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$41,893	\$200,543	\$663,786	230.99%	\$690,500	\$711,000	\$732,000	\$753,000
Farebox Revenues	\$8,568	\$10,245	\$4,100	-59.98%	\$4,200	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,500

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	2002	2003	2004	% Change	2005	2006	2007	2010
Annual Revenues								
Sales Tax	\$1,629,446	\$1,600,655	\$1,694,480	5.86%	<i>\$1,745,000</i>	<i>\$1,797,000</i>	<i>\$1,851,000</i>	<i>\$2,023,000</i>
Farebox Revenues	\$42,843	\$51,228	\$45,552	-11.08%	<i>\$47,000</i>	<i>\$48,000</i>	<i>\$49,000</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>
Federal Section 5311 Operating	\$0	\$0	\$0	N.A.	<i>\$95,000</i>	<i>\$95,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
State Rural Mobility Grants	\$0	\$0	\$107,693	N.A.	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$125,000</i>	<i>\$235,000</i>
State Special Needs Grants	\$0	\$0	\$200,002	N.A.	<i>\$188,000</i>	<i>\$188,000</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>	<i>\$225,000</i>
Other State Operating Grants	\$0	\$82,701	\$0	N.A.	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Other	\$0	\$322,251	\$0	N.A.	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Total	\$1,672,289	\$2,056,835	\$2,047,727	-0.44%	<i>\$2,075,000</i>	<i>\$2,128,000</i>	<i>\$2,225,000</i>	<i>\$2,528,000</i>
Annual Operating Expenses								
Annual Operating Expenses	\$1,500,223	\$1,840,095	\$2,066,034	12.28%	<i>\$2,135,500</i>	<i>\$2,199,000</i>	<i>\$2,264,000</i>	<i>\$2,403,000</i>
Total	\$1,500,223	\$1,840,095	\$2,066,034	12.28%	<i>\$2,135,500</i>	<i>\$2,199,000</i>	<i>\$2,264,000</i>	<i>\$2,403,000</i>
Annual Capital Purchase Obligations								
Federal Section 5309 Capital Grants	\$451,520	\$526,000	\$424,900		<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$939,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$448,000</i>
State Rural Mobility Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0		<i>\$167,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Capital Reserve Funds	\$547,320	\$721,020	\$0		<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Total	\$998,840	\$1,247,020	\$424,900	-65.93%	<i>\$167,000</i>	<i>\$939,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$448,000</i>
Ending Balances, December 31								
General Fund	\$3,496,661	\$3,706,907	\$3,800,451	2.52%	<i>\$3,905,000</i>	<i>\$3,857,000</i>	<i>\$4,050,000</i>	<i>\$4,099,000</i>
Working Capital	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	0.00%	<i>\$800,000</i>	<i>\$800,000</i>	<i>\$800,000</i>	<i>\$800,000</i>
Total	\$4,296,661	\$4,506,907	\$4,600,451	2.08%	<i>\$4,705,000</i>	<i>\$4,657,000</i>	<i>\$4,850,000</i>	<i>\$4,899,000</i>

Performance Measures for 2004 Operations

	Route Deviated Services		Demand Response Services	
	Grant Transit Authority	Rural Averages	Grant Transit Authority	Rural Averages
Fares/Operating Cost	2.96%	4.26%	.62%	2.83%
Operating Cost/Passenger Trip	\$13.93	\$8.30	\$38.58	\$21.77
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Mile	\$2.55	\$3.30	\$3.46	\$4.65
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Hour	\$62.34	\$59.77	\$61.59	\$54.55
Operating Cost/Total Vehicle Hour	\$60.53	\$53.69	\$59.80	\$51.43
Revenue Vehicle Hours/Total Vehicle Hour	97.09%	90.53%	97.09%	93.89%
Revenue Vehicle Hours/FTE	937	1,206	1,959	1,409
Revenue Vehicle Miles/Revenue Vehicle Hour	24.48	20.58	17.82	12.54
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Hour	4.5	7.8	1.6	2.7
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Mile	0.18	0.44	0.09	0.23